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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: CIVILAVIA DENIES AIRLIFT INTERNATIONAL  
CARGO CHARTER

1. REPRESENTATIVES OF AIRLIFT INTERNATIONAL, A SUPPLEMENTAL CARGO AIRLINE, AND BEHRING, A TEXAS FREIGHT FORWARDER, ADVISED THE CAB AND DEPT. THAT ON SEPT. 8 CIVILAVIA DENIED AIRLIFT'S APPLICATION FOR A CARGO CHARTER TO CARRY SHOES BETWEEN MILAN AND BRADLEY FIELD, HARTFORD, CONN. ON SEPT. 12. CIVILAVIA ALLEGEDLY ASSERTED THAT "THERE IS ALREADY SUFFICIENT CAPACITY AVAILABLE." BEHRING REPORTEDLY TRIED TO TRUCK SHOES TO GENEVA FOR AIRLIFT FLIGHT TO BRADLEY BUT TRUCKS WERE STOPPED AT SWISS BORDER ON SEPT. 10 AND RETURNED TO MILAN.

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2. SEPT. 12 ABORTED FLIGHT WAS SECOND IN SERIES PLANNED BY BEHRING AND AIRLIFT WITH SUBSEQUENT SHIPMENTS SCHEDULED FOR SEPT. 18, 19, 25, 26 AND EVERY MONDAY AND FRIDAY FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD THEREAFTER. SHIPMENTS CONSIST OF SHOES MADE BY FAMOLARE OF MILAN GOING TO BRATTLEBORO, VT. BEHRING HAS SHIPPED BY SEA IN THE PAST AND BY AIR VIA SEABOARD WORLD AIRLINES AFTER FIRST

TRUCKING FROM MILAN TO FRANKFURT. BEHRING CLAIMS THAT IT CONTACTED ALITALIA ABOUT DIRECT SHIPMENTS BUT FOUND THAT ALITALIA WOULD NOT SERVE HARTFORD, COULD ONLY USE

SMALLER EQUIPMENT AND CHARGED UNIT PRICE 30 PERCENT HIGHER THAN AIRLIFT.

3. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO CONTACT CIVILAVIA AND INQUIRE STATUS OF AIRLIFT APPLICATION FOR CARGO CHARTERS. CIVILAVIA SHOULD BE MADE AWARE OF FACT THAT FREIGHT FORWARDER HAS OPTION OF SEA SHIPMENT AND MAY SELECT THIS OPTION IF AIR SHIPMENT PROVES INFEASIBLE BECAUSE OF ITALIAN RED TAPE. THOUGH IT MAY HAVE NO EFFECT ON CIVILAVIA, EMBASSY SHOULD NOTE THAT ITALIAN EXPORT EFFORT IS BEING HANDICAPPED BY THIS TYPE OF HARASSMENT.

4. FYI: IT IS IMMATERIAL TO DEPARTMENT WHETHER SHIPMENT TAKES PLACE BY AIR OR SEA OR WHETHER US OR ITALIAN CARRIER TRANSPORTS SHOES. OUR MAIN INTEREST IS TO BRING OUR UNDERSTANDING OF FACTS TO ATTENTION OF CIVILAVIA SINCE ITS ACTIONS APPEAR, BASED ON OUR UNDERSTANDING OF FACTS, TO BE MISGUIDED. CHRISTOPHER

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